

Application No. 09/728,889
Preliminary Amendment
Reply to Office Action dated October 24, 2003
October 25, 2004

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 2 and 11 have been cancelled and claims 3-10 and 12-13 have been amended. Currently claims 3-10 and 12-14 are pending in the application.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 3, 4 and 12 were objected to and claim 14 was allowed.

By this amendment, claims 2, 3 and 12 have been rewritten into independent form.

Also, claims 4-10 have been amended to be dependent on new independent claim 3 and claim 13 has been amended to depend from new independent claim 12.

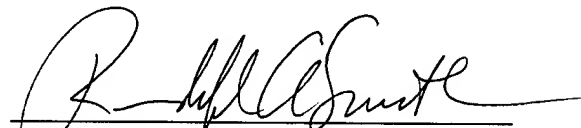
It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 3-10 and 12-14 are now allowable and an action to this effect is respectfully requested.

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If there are any questions or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 25, 2004

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